

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus comprising:

first acquisition means for acquiring the first information;

first registration means for registering the first subsidiary information required for acquiring said first information;

second acquisition means for acquiring the second information;

second registration means for registering the second subsidiary information required for acquiring said second information; and

verifying means for verifying whether or not said first subsidiary information or said second subsidiary information has already been registered;

said first registration means or said second registration means using, if one of said first subsidiary information and said second subsidiary information is already registered, said one subsidiary information already registered for registration of the other subsidiary information.

2. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said first acquisition means acquires the contents of the television broadcast as said first information;

said second acquisition means acquiring web contents as said second information from a server over the Internet.

3. The information processing apparatus according to claim 2 wherein said subsidiary information is the information pertinent to the broadcast territories for setting the

reception channel in said television broadcast;

said second subsidiary information being the information pertinent to a provider for connection to said Internet.

4. An information processing method comprising:

a first acquisition step of acquiring the first information;

a first registration step of registering the first subsidiary information required for acquiring said first information;

a second acquisition step of acquiring the second information;

a second registration step of registering the second subsidiary information required for acquiring said second information; and

a verifying step of verifying whether or not said first subsidiary information or said second subsidiary information has already been registered;

said first registration step or said second registration step using, if one of said first subsidiary information and said second subsidiary information is already registered, said one subsidiary information already registered for registration of the other subsidiary information.

5. A recording medium having recorded thereon a computer-readable program, said computer-readable program including:

a first acquisition step of acquiring the first information;

a first registration step of registering the first subsidiary information required for acquiring said first information;

a second acquisition step of acquiring the second information;

a second registration step of registering the second subsidiary information required for acquiring said second information;

a verifying step of verifying whether or not said first subsidiary information or said second subsidiary information has already been registered;

said first registration step or said second registration step using, if one of said first subsidiary information and said second subsidiary information is already registered, said one subsidiary information already registered for registration of the other subsidiary information.